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WILD vs CHILLIWACK DIVISION FINAL SERIES PREVIEW

The Wenatchee Wild will face the Chilliwack Chiefs in a rematch of last season's Mainland Division Final. Wenatchee advanced by defeating Prince George 4 games to 2, while Chilliwack defeated Langley 4 games to 2 as well. The best-of-seven series begins on Friday March 17 at Town Toyota Center. Wenatchee earned home ice advantage throughout the BCHL Playoffs by finishing the regular season with the best record in the league (45-9-4). The Chiefs were second best in the BCHL with a record of 41-11-6.

There figures to be plenty of offensive firepower on display, as 7 of the Top 13 regular season scorers will be on the ice in this series, including the league's top three. The Wild sport 4 of the Top 15 postseason scorers as well. Wenatchee is powered in part by BCHL MVP and Brett Hull Trophy winner **Brendan Harris** along with linemate and 51-goal scorer **Charlie Combs**. The Chiefs attack is spurred by Jordan Kawaguchi and Kohen Olischefski. Both teams get significant contributions up and down the lineup, and get point production from the blue line. Special teams have performed well for both clubs, though the Wild power play in the postseason (42.1%) has been exceptional. The Chiefs have the top penalty killers this postseason (88.0%) so the special teams battles should be great to watch.

Tasked with keeping the high-powered offenses in check, Wenatchee's **Anthony Yamnitsky** (4-1-0, 2.11 GAA, .915 save pct) and Chilliwack's Mark Sinclair (4-2-0, 2.48 GAA, .914 save pct) figure to carry the bulk of the workload in the series.

Wenatchee went 26-0-2 in the Town Toyota Center this season, the only two blemishes being a pair of overtime losses to Chilliwack on New Years Eve weekend. The Wild are 6-4-3 vs the Chiefs in regular season games all time, though the Chiefs won last year's Mainland Division Final over the Wild, 4 games to 1. The Wild went 2-2-2-0 vs the Chiefs this year.

The winner of the Mainland Division Final will advance to face the winner of the Island Division Final between Victoria and Powell River in a best-of-seven series that would begin March 31.

Games 1 and 2 of the Mainland Division Final are Friday and Saturday at Town Toyota Center and start at 7:05 pm each night. Tickets are on sale now at the Wild Office, the Town Toyota Center Box Office, and online at: tickets.wenatcheewildhockey.com. Fans are encouraged to wear blue to all home playoff games.

Stay up to date with the team all year long on Facebook (facebook.com/wenatcheewildhockey), Twitter (@WenatcheeWild1), YouTube (Wen Wild), Snapchat (wwildhockey), Instagram (Wenatchee_wild), and on the team's official website (wenatcheewildhockey.com). Catch "Call of the Wild" every Thursday night at 8 pm, along with a tape delayed Wild Game of the Week on NCW Life Channel. Download our free "Wenatchee Wild" app for your iOS or Android device. Home game photos are online at: wildhockeyphotos.com.

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